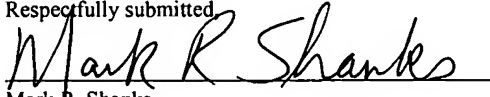


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371		Attorney's Docket Number 358275.20012	
		U.S. Application Number (if known) 10/567080	
International Application Number PCT/JP2004/11268	International Filing Date 5 August 2004	Priority Date Claimed 5 August 2003	
Title of Invention DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MEASURING HARD GRANULAR OBJECTS			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)). 9. <input type="checkbox"/> An executed oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(5)). <p>Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. §1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) PCT/RO/101 PCT Request; (2) PCT Notification of Receipt of Record Copy, (3) PCT Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document; (4) PCT First Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application (to Designated Offices which Do Not Apply the 30 Month Time Limit under Article 22(1)); (5) PCT Second and Supplementary Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application (to Designated Offices which Apply the 30 Month Time Limit under Article 22(1)); (6) A copy of the published PCT application under International Publication No. WO2005/012101A1 on February 10, 2005 including International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/210); and (7) Forms PCT/IB/306 for the applicant and inventors. 			

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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee		\$300.00		\$300.00	
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TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	
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23 - 100 =	0/50	0	x \$250.00	\$0.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. §1.492(e)).				\$0.00	
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Independent Claims	0-3	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00	
Multiple Dependant Claims (if applicable)			+ 360.00	\$0.00	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2				\$0.00	
SUBTOTAL =				\$0.00	
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TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$0.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. §§ 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$0.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$1,000.00	
Amount to be Refunded:					\$
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